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DEPT PASS AGRICULTURE FOR ADMR HUME, FAS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR

SUBJECT: CHERRIES

REF: FASTO 201

1. VISITED YOSHIOKA APRIL 28 AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL AG PRODUCTION BUREAU MAF TODAY RE SUBJECT INFO AND REQUESTS. YOSHIOKA BASICALLY DEFERRED TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL RE QUESTIONS ON CHERRIES.

2. AGATT POINTED OUT INDUSTRY/CONGRESSIONAL U.S. PRESSURES FOR SWIFT SOLUTION OF CHERRY PROBLEMS AND ASKED FOR OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SHORTLY AFTER PUBLIC HEARING.

3. DIRECTOR-GENERAL (D.G.) CITED THE USUAL ECONOMIC/POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN PROCEEDING ON MATTER AND EMPHASIZED NEED FOR CLOSE GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION WITHOUT PUBLIC CAMPAIGNS ON EITHER SIDE. DG OFFERED THAT MAF IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO WORK OUT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR HEARING BEGINNING AFTER ELECTION. DG CLAIMS HE HAS PERSONALLY DONE SOME GROUNDWORK AMONG DIETMEN FROM AGRICULTURAL AREAS, BUT THAT THE GOING IS DIFFICULT. MEANWHILE, BUDGETARY MEASURES ARE BEING PLANNED BY MAF TO COPE WITH POTENTIAL ECONOMIC (AND POLITICAL)

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LOSSES. ASKED BY AGATT (WHO ALSO EXPLAINED THE IMPORTANCE OF "START-UP TIME" FOR ESTABLISHING FUMIGATION FACILITIES) WHETHER THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR SHIPMENTS BEGINNING JUNE 1978, DG ONLY RESPONDED THAT HE VERY WELL UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION AND ASKED THAT WE ENTRUST MAF. DG NOTED THAT NUMEROUS FACTORS REMAINED TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDING SHIPPING SEASON, EXPORT ORIGINS, INSPECTION, ETC. AND THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE TECHNICAL

MEETING BETWEEN JAPANESE AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVES HOPEFULLY  
SOON AFTER UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS. AGATT AGAIN PRESSED FOR  
EARLY RESOLUTION SINCE GROWER PRESSURES, ETC. WILL CONTINUE  
TO EXPAND.

4. DG HINTED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO OFFICIALLY  
ANSWER SECRETARY'S LETTER OF MARCH 2. HE REALIZED THIS NOT  
POLITE BUT SAID UNOFFICIAL HANDLING WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE.  
AGATT INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS WITH FAS/W.

5. RE TECHNICAL TEAM VISIT, DG WANTS IMPLEMENT ON BASIS OF  
ORIENTAL FLY WITH POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF CARIB AND  
HESSIAN FLY BUT NOT REPEAT NOT CONCERNING CHERRY CODLING  
MOTH DUE TO ITS ATTRACTIVENESS AS PRESS TARGET.  
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